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Hi Sally,

I've made the edits you requested. Regarding some of your questions:

- Executive Order 13795 pertains to the marine national monuments under review, Nikki asked that I include it in the timeline. We can remove it for these purposes if you would like, but it might be helpful context for their meeting/use later on.
- There are probably more comments that BLM has received than the comments submitted by the public through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Regulations.gov show the running tally of over 139,000 at: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001> . I think that other organizations are also mailing and getting them to DOI in other ways ( but someone at DOI might be uploading them all at once to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), I am not sure - either way it might not count the comments one-for-one). I don't know anything about how much has been sent not through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), but I did add this to the end to reflect the other comments: *and more were submitted by interested organizations through other means*. If you have updated number or a better estimate, we can certainly change it.

Please let me know if you would like me to make additional edits! I hope all is well at MIB!

Best,

Rachel

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Wootton, Rachel <[rwootton@blm.gov](mailto:rwootton@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Sally,

Sounds good! We'll make them and send it your way!

Best,

Rachel

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 3:19 PM, Sally Butts <[sbutts@blm.gov](mailto:sbutts@blm.gov)> wrote:

I hope you can decipher my edits.

Thanks, Sally

**INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY – LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**FROM:** Mike Nedd, Acting Director – Bureau of Land Management

**SUBJECT:** BLM Actions Associated with the National Monument Review

This memo explains the steps taken by the Bureau of Land Management to fulfill the review of National Monuments outlined in Executive Order 13792 - Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act.

**KEY FACTS**

*Stakeholder Positions: The Executive Order and the review of National Monuments has received substantial public interest. As of June 6th, over 139,000 comments have been submitted through the regulations.gov portal, and more were submitted by interested organizations through other means.*

*Public Lands Affected: 18 BLM managed or co-managed National Monuments are under review, they cover over ten million acres. Three of those monuments are co-managed by the Forest Service (Bears Ears, Berryessa Snow Mountain, and Sand to Snow) and two are co-managed by the Park Service (Craters of the Moon and Grand Canyon-Parashant).*

**BACKGROUND**

Executive Order 13792 initiated review of National Monuments designated since January 1st, 1996 that exceed 100,000 acres. The order initiated the Department of Interior review of certain national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act. The review includes public comment, Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Listening Sessions, collection of information and documents associated with the National Monuments.

**DISCUSSION**

The BLM is assisting in the review by gathering the information requested by the Department of Interior, providing staff to complete the initial sorting and review of the public comments, and responding to questions as necessary. The documents provided by the BLM include responses to the initial data call, additional information requested, and an executive summary for each monument. Within these responses, the BLM provided information related to grazing, energy, recreation, mining, and other topics. Associated documents provided include Proclamations, Resource Management Plans, and other documents pertinent to the review.

All of the materials for the initial data call pertaining to BLM managed National Monuments

have been sent to the Department of Interior for review. For co-managed units, the BLM has collaborated with the US Forest Service and National Park Service on our documents, but each agency is submitting their companion documents.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The information requested will be reviewed by the Department and the BLM will continue to provide information as necessary and support public comment review. The Department of Interior will develop an interim report and final report including recommendations for the President.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT 1 - NATIONAL MONUMENT REVIEW TIMELINE

ATTACHMENT 2 - BLM MANAGED OR CO-MANAGED NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING INITIALLY REVIEWED PURSUANT TO CRITERIA IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13792

### ATTACHMENT 1 - NATIONAL MONUMENT REVIEW TIMELINE

This table outlines dates of importance for the National Monument review:

Date	Item/Event
April 26th, 2017 (Wednesday)	<b><u>Executive Order 13792</u></b> - Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act
April 28, 2017 (Friday)	<b><u>Executive Order 13795</u></b> - Implementing An America-First Offshore Energy Strategy
May 5th, 2017 (Friday)	<b><u>Interior Department Releases List of Monuments Under Review</u></b> , Announces First-Ever Formal Public Comment Period for Antiquities Act Monuments
May 11th, 2017 (Thursday)	<b><u>Federal Register Notice: DOI-2017-0002</u></b> - Review of Certain National Monuments Established Since 1996; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment Released
May 12th, 2017 (Friday)	<b><u>Public Comment Period</u></b> - Review of Certain National Monuments established Since 1996 opens on regulations.gov
May 12th, 2017 (Friday)	<b>BLM Monument Manager Notification</b> - BLM Assistant Director for the National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships notified BLM employees of data call regarding National Monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.
May 17th, 2017 (Wednesday)	<b>Deadline for Information from BLM Utah</b> - Information on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears National Monument due to WO-400
May 25th, 2017 (Thursday)	<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Listening Session</b> Hilton DoubleTree Lloyd Center 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232, (In conjunction with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Conference)
May 26th, 2017 (Friday)	<b>Bears Ears National Monument Comment Deadline</b> - To ensure consideration, written comments from the public relating to the Bears Ears National Monument must be submitted before May 26, 2017.
May 30th, 2017 (Tuesday)	<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Listening Session</b> Northern Hotel, 19 North Broadway, Billings, MT 59101, (406) 867-6767
June 1st, 2017 (Thursday)	<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Listening Session</b> Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 262-6225
June 2nd, 2017	<b>Deadline for Information from all other States</b> - Information on all non-

(Friday)	Utah National Monuments is due to WO-400.
June 10th, 2017 (Saturday)	<b>Review Interim Report Approximate Deadline</b> - “Within 45 days of the date of [Executive Order 13792], the Secretary shall provide an interim report to the President, through the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, and the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, summarizing the findings of the review described in subsection (a) of this section with respect to Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 (Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument), and such other designations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for inclusion in the interim report.”
June 12, 2017 (Monday)	<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Listening Session</b> Mohegan Sun, 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard, Uncasville, CT 06382, (In conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference)
July 10th, 2017 (Monday)	<b>Comment Deadline for all other National Monuments</b> - Written comments relating to all National Monuments, other than Bears Ears National Monument (Comments were due before May 26th), must be submitted before July 10, 2017.
August 24, 2017 (Thursday)	<b>Review Report Approximate Deadline</b> - “Within 120 days of the date of [Executive Order 13792], the Secretary shall provide a final report to the President, through the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, and the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, summarizing the findings of the review described in subsection (a) of this section. The final report shall include recommendations for such Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions consistent with law as the Secretary may consider appropriate to carry out the policy set forth in section 1 of this order.”

**ATTACHMENT 2 –  
BLM MANAGED OR CO-MANAGED NATIONAL MONUMENTS BEING INITIALLY  
REVIEWED PURSUANT TO CRITERIA IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13792**

<b>Monument</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Basin and Range	Nevada	2015	703,585
Bears Ears (BLM and USFS)	Utah	2016	1,353,000
Berryessa Snow Mountain (BLM and USFS)	California	2015	330,780
Canyons of the Ancients	Colorado	2000	175,160
Carrizo Plain	California	2001	204,107
Cascade Siskiyou	Oregon	2000/2017	100,000
Craters of the Moon (BLM and USPS)	Idaho	1924/2000	737,525
Gold Butte	Nevada	2016	296,937
Grand Canyon-Parashant (BLM and USPS)	Arizona	2000	1,014,000
Grand Staircase-Escalante	Utah	1996	1,700,000
Ironwood Forest	Arizona	2000	128,917
Mojave Trails	California	2016	1,600,000
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks	New Mexico	2014	496,330
Rio Grande del Norte	New Mexico	2013	242,555
Sand to Snow (BLM and USFS)	California	2016	154,000
Sonoran Desert	Arizona	2001	486,149
Upper Missouri River Breaks	Montana	2001	377,346
Vermilion Cliffs	Arizona	2000	279,568